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~~This proposal is now planned as a Cuban-run operation, with
the U.S. helping the Cubans to help themselves.~~

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *2A*

Subject: Action Proposals, Mongoose

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At your 4 October meeting, it was your desire that Mongoose be stepped up. The Operational Representatives were so tasked, promptly, and we can expect a series of proposals in the near future (with sabotage given priority attention). *Previously released*

The Operational Representatives have discussed the three attached proposals thoroughly and they reflect a consensus of our operational views. I believe the proposals are realistic and doable, and thus recommend early approval.

Comments on each proposal:

Sabotage of Cuban-Owned Ships.

33 Cuban-owned ships are known, ranging from 6500 tons down to 500 tons. Several make frequent voyages to Europe, including visits to both Bloc and NATO-country ports. The Operational Representatives and I agree that actions to destroy these ships (with time delay fuses) should aim to have actual destruction take place on the following priority:

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Broadcasting in Russian to Cuba.

It is noted that many of the Bloc technicians now in Cuba are young, in their early 20's, and that the proposed YODA programs will be specifically tailored for them, as well as being consistent with open U.S. policy. It is believed that advantages far outweigh the disadvantages listed.

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